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(54) Title: **FUNGICIDAL COMPOSITION BASED ON AT LEAST ONE PYRIDYLMETHYLBENZAMIDE DERIVATIVE AND AT LEAST ONE DITHIOCARBAMATE DERIVATIVE**

(57) Abstract: 1) Fungicidal compositions comprising: a) at least one pyridylmethylbenzamide derivative of formula (I), in which the various radicals are as defined in the description, and b) at least one compound (II) chosen from dithiocarbamates, preferably fungicidal dithiocarbamates, and, still more preferably from the following active agents: ferbam, mancooper, mancozeb, maneb, metiram, nabam, nickel bis(dimethyldithio-carbamate), propineb, zineb and mixtures thereof.; and their agriculturally acceptable isomers and addition salts with an acid. 2) Method for the curative or preventive control of phytopathogenic fungi of crops using an effective and non-phytotoxic quantity of one of these fungicidal compositions.



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**FUNGICIDAL COMPOSITION BASED ON AT LEAST ONE
PYRIDYLMETHYLBENZAMIDE DERIVATIVE AND AT LEAST ONE
DITHIOCARBAMATE DERIVATIVE**

The present invention relates to combinations
5 of fungicidal compounds intended in particular for
protecting crops against fungal diseases, and the
corresponding methods of protection by application of
the said combinations.

More precisely, the subject of the present
10 invention is novel fungicidal compositions based on
pyridylmethylbenzamide and dithiocarbamate derivatives.

As regards fungicidal activity, in particular
for the protection of crops, one of the problems at the
heart of the research studies carried out in this
15 technical field is the improvement of performances, in
particular in terms of fungicidal activity and in
particular in terms of maintaining this fungicidal
activity over time.

Naturally, the fungicidal compounds useful
20 for the protection of plants against fungi must be
endowed with an ecotoxicity which is reduced to the
minimum. As far as possible, they should not be
dangerous or toxic to the operator during use.

Furthermore, it is advantageous for
25 fungicidal compounds to have a broad activity spectrum.

The economic factor should of course not be
overlooked in the search for novel fungicidal
compounds.

Without being limiting, attention is paid more particularly in the context of the invention to protection against infestation, by fungi, of grapevine, cereals, fruits, vegetables, lucerne, soyabean, market
5 garden crops, turf, wood and horticultural plants, among others.

The composition according to the invention include one or more compounds of the pyridylmethylbenzamide type with fungicidal action as described in
10 European patent application EP-A-1 056 723. These compounds make it possible to prevent the growth and development of phytopathogenic fungi (for example those which are active in the treatment of downy mildew, for example of grapevine, such as *Plasmopara viticola*).

15 This patent application EP-A-1 056 723 makes a general allusion to the possibility of combining these fungicidal active agents with products known to also develop a fungicidal activity, without citing by name examples of co-active ingredients, or even
20 families of co-active ingredients, which are capable of being combined with pyridylmethylbenzamides.

One of the essential objectives of the present invention is to solve the problems set out above.

25 One of the essential objectives of the present invention is to provide novel fungicidal products which can be used, in particular by the farmer, for controlling the fungi infesting crops and

in particular for controlling the major fungal diseases of grapevine such as downy mildew.

Another essential objective of the invention is to provide a novel fungicidal composition based on
5 pyridylmethylbenzamide derivatives which is a lot more active against fungi which are harmful to plants, including grapevine, and which is in particular active over longer periods than the antifungal agents known up until now.

10 Another essential objective of the invention is to provide a novel fungicidal agent which is completely high-performing in particular as regards its efficacy against fungi and the perennality of this efficacy so as to be able to reduce the doses of
15 chemical products spread in the environment for combating fungal attacks of crops in particular vine downy mildew.

Another essential objective of the invention is to provide a novel fungicidal composition which is
20 more active and active for longer, and which therefore has a lower dose, but which is also less toxic.

Another essential objective of the invention is to provide a novel broad-spectrum fungicidal composition which is perennially effective and which
25 offers the farmer a large number of products so that the latter finds among them the product best suited to his particular use.

Another essential objective of the invention is to provide a novel fungicidal composition satisfying the specifications aimed at in the above objectives and which is also of a lower cost price, which is easy and
5 which is not dangerous to handle.

Another essential objective of the invention is to provide a novel fungicidal composition as defined in the above objectives and which is useful in the preventive and curative treatment of fungal diseases,
10 for example, of grapevine, cereals, Solanaceae, fruit, vegetables, lucerne, soyabean, market garden crops, turf, wood or horticultural plants.

Another essential objective of the invention is to provide a preventive and/or curative treatment of
15 plants and in particular of crops, using a fungicidal composition or a fungicidal combination combining the products of the composition as defined in the above objectives, it being necessary for such a treatment to have a high and perennial efficacy against a very wide
20 variety of fungi, while minimizing the doses, the toxicity and the cost.

Another essential objective of the present invention is to provide a kit for controlling, by way of curing and/or preventing and/or eradicating, the
25 phytopathogenic fungi of plants and in particular of crops, such as grapevine, which meets the specifications set out in the objectives above.

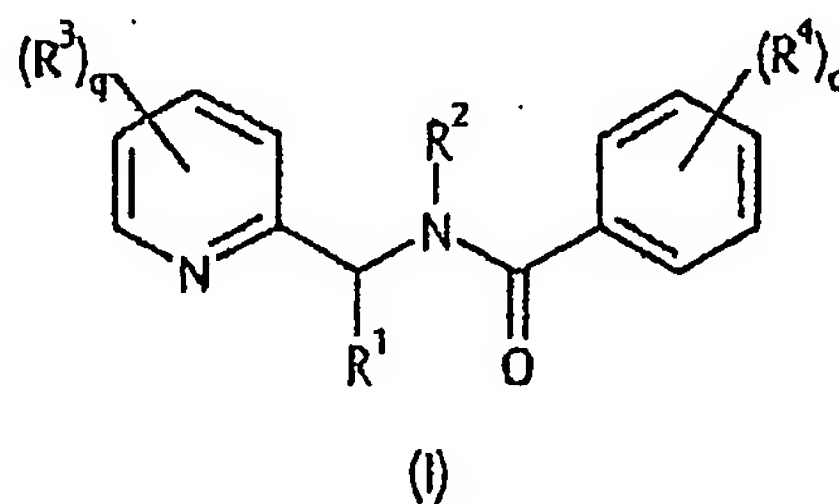
An additional objective of the present invention is to allow improvement in the yield of the crops which is significant from an agronomic point of view.

5 All these objectives, among others, were achieved by the inventors who have had the merit of finding a fungicidal combination between pyridylmethylbenzamide derivatives and compounds of the dithiocarbamate type, preferably fungicides. Such a
10 combination surprisingly and unexpectedly exhibiting a very high and perennial antifungal efficacy against a broad spectrum of fungi and in particular against those responsible for diseases such as vine downy mildew.

The present invention, which completely or
15 partially satisfies the abovementioned objectives, therefore relates firstly to fungicidal compositions comprising:

a) at least one pyridylmethylbenzamide derivative of formula (I):

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in which

- R^1 is chosen from a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted alkyl radical and an optionally substituted acyl radical;
 - R^2 is chosen from a hydrogen atom and an
5 optionally substituted alkyl radical;
 - R^3 and R^4 , which are identical or different are independently chosen from a halogen atom, the hydroxyl radical, the cyano radical, the nitro radical, the radical $-SF_5$, the trialkylsilyl radical, an
10 optionally substituted amino radical, an acyl radical, and a group E, OE or SE, in which E is chosen from an alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, aryl and heterocyclyl radical, it being possible for each of them to be optionally substituted;
 - 15
 - c represents 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;
 - q represents 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;
- and their agriculturally acceptable possible optical and/or geometric isomers, tautomers and addition salts with an acid or a base;
- 20 and
- b) at least one compound (II) chosen from dithiocarbamates, and their agriculturally acceptable isomers and addition salts with an acid.

In the definitions of the compounds of
25 formula (I) set out above, the various radicals and chemical terms used have, unless otherwise stated, the following meanings:

- "alkyl or alkyl-" denotes a linear or branched saturated hydrocarbon radical containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms;
- "alkenyl" denotes a linear or branched hydrocarbon radical containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms and an unsaturation in the form of double bond;
- "alkynyl" denotes a linear or branched hydrocarbon radical containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms and an unsaturation in the form of a triple bond;
- "alkoxy" denotes an alkyloxy radical;
- "acyl" denotes the formyl radical or an alkoxycarbonyl radical;
- "cycloalkyl" denotes a saturated cyclic hydrocarbon radical containing from 3 to 8 carbon atoms;
- "aryl" denotes a phenyl or naphthyl radical;
- "heterocyclyl" denotes an unsaturated or a completely or partially saturated cyclic radical containing from 3 to 8 atoms, chosen from carbon, nitrogen, sulphur and oxygen, for example, and without limitation, pyridyl, pyridinyl, quinolyl, furyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, oxazolinyl;
- the term "optionally substituted " means that the radicals thus termed may be substituted with one or more radicals chosen from chlorine, bromine, fluorine, iodine, alkyl, alkoxy, hydroxyl, nitro, amino; cyano and acyl.

The compounds of formula (I) are, for example, described in patent application EP-A-1 056 723 and, among these, the following will be preferred:

compounds possessing one of the following
5 characteristics:

- R^1 and R^2 , which are identical or different, are independently chosen from a hydrogen atom and an optionally substituted alkyl radical;
 - R^3 and R^4 , which are identical or different,
10 are independently chosen from a halogen atom, the hydroxyl radical, the nitro radical, an optionally substituted amino radical, an acyl radical, and a group E, OE or SE, in which E is chosen from an alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl and heterocyclyl radical, it being
15 possible for each of them to be optionally substituted;
 - c represents 0, 1, 2 or 3;
 - q represents 0, 1, 2 or 3;
- and their agriculturally acceptable possible optical and/or geometric isomers, tautomers and
20 addition salts with an acid or a base.

Among the compounds of formula (I), the following will also be preferred:

- compounds possessing at least one of the following characteristics:
- 25 • R^1 and R^2 , which are identical or different, are independently chosen from a hydrogen atom and a methyl or ethyl radical;

• R^3 and R^4 , which are identical or different, are independently chosen from a halogen atom, the nitro radical, an optionally substituted amino radical and an alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl or heterocyclyl radical, it
5 being possible for each of them to be optionally substituted;

• c represents 1 or 2;

• q represents 1 or 2;

and their agriculturally acceptable possible
10 optical and/or geometric isomers, tautomers and addition salts with an acid or a base.

More particularly, the compounds of formula (I) are:

products possessing the following
15 characteristics:

• R^1 and R^2 each represent a hydrogen atom;

• R^3 and R^4 , which are identical or different, are independently chosen from a halogen atom, the nitro radical, an alkyl radical and the trifluoromethyl
20 radical;

• c and q represent, independently of each other, 2;

and their agriculturally acceptable possible tautomers and addition salts with an acid or a base.

25 By way of examples, the following compounds of formula (I) are most particularly preferred in the context of the present invention:

- compound (Ia) which is 2,6-dichloro-N-
{[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]methyl}-
benzamide;

- compound (Ib) which is N-{[3-chloro-
5 5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]methyl}-2-fluoro-
6-nitrobenzamide;

- compound (Ic) which is N-{[3-chloro-
5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]methyl}-2-methyl-
6-nitrobenzamide,

10 and their agriculturally acceptable possible
tautomers and addition salts with an acid or a base.

The compounds (II) are preferably
dithiocarbamates known for their fungicidal activity,
and their agriculturally acceptable isomers and
15 addition salts with an acid.

Still more preferably, the antifungal
dithiocarbamate (II) is chosen from the group of
compounds comprising: ferbam, mancozeb, mancozeb,
maneb, metiram, nabam, nickel bis(dimethyldithio-
20 carbamate), propineb, zineb and mixtures thereof.

Advantageously, the compositions according to
the present invention comprise:

compound (Ia) and/or compound (Ib) and/or
compound (Ic) combined with mancozeb or propineb.

25 The preferred compositions of the present
invention comprise compound (Ia) with mancozeb or
propineb, and the possible tautomers and addition salts
with an acid or a base of compound (Ia) and mancozeb or

propineb, as long as these equivalents are agriculturally acceptable.

The fungicidal combination of compounds (I) with compounds (II) according to the invention, and in particular mancozeb or propineb, makes it possible to significantly improve the persistence of antifungal activity in the context of the curative and/or preventive treatment of major diseases of crops, including in particular those caused by fungi of the family of Peronosporaceae, in particular *Plasmopara viticola* (vine downy mildew), *Plasmopara halstedei* (sunflower mildew), *Pseudoperonospora* sp (in particular cucurbit mildew (*Pseudoperonospora cubensis*) and downy mildew of hops (*Pseudoperonospora humuli*)), *Bremia lactucae* (mildew of lettuce), *Peronospora tabacinae* (downy mildew of tobacco), *Peronospora destructor* (downy mildew of onion), *Peronospora parasitica* (downy mildew of cabbage), *Peronospora farinosa* (downy mildew of chicory and downy mildew of beetroot).

In particular, this combination has eradicator properties which are superior to those of the products alone.

From the point of view of weight, it should be specified that in accordance with the invention, the compound (I)/compound (II) ratio ranges most often from 1/500 to 30/1, preferably from 1/200 to 20/1, more preferably from 1/10 to 10/1.

The compound (I)/compound (II) ratio is defined as being the ratio by weight of these 2 compounds. The same applies to any ratio of 2 chemical compounds, which is subsequently measured in the present text, since a definition different from this ratio is not expressly given.

According to another aspect of the present invention, in the compositions according to the invention, the compound (I)/compound (II) ratio may be advantageously chosen so as to produce a synergistic effect. The term synergistic effect is understood to mean in particular that defined by Colby in an article entitled "Calculation of the synergistic and antagonistic responses of herbicide combinations" Weeds, (1967), 15, pages 20-22.

The latter article mentions the formula:

$$E = x + y - \frac{x * y}{100}$$

in which E represents the expected percentage of inhibition of the disease for the combination of the two fungicides at defined doses (for example equal to x and y respectively), x is the percentage of inhibition observed for the disease by the compound (I) at a defined dose (equal to x), y is the percentage of inhibition observed for the disease by the compound (II) at a defined dose (equal to y). When the percentage of inhibition observed for the combination is greater than E, there is a synergistic effect.

The term "synergistic effect" also means the effect defined by application of the Tammes method, "Isoboles, a graphic representation of synergism in pesticides", Netherlands Journal of Plant Pathology, 5 70(1964), pages 73-80.

The compound (I)/compound (II) ratio ranges indicated above do not in any way limit the scope of the invention, but are, rather, mentioned as a guide, a person skilled in the art being entirely capable of 10 carrying out additional tests to find other values of the ratio of doses of these two compounds, in particular for which a synergistic effect is observed.

Advantageously, the compound (I)/compound (II) ratio is chosen so as to produce a synergistic 15 effect.

Usually, the compositions according to the invention comprise between 0.00001 and 100%, preferably between 0.001 and 80%, of active compounds, whether these compounds are combined, or whether they are in 20 the form of two active ingredients used separately.

It is clearly understood that the said fungicidal compositions may contain a single compound (I) or more than such a compound and/or a single compound (II) or more than such as compound, and one or 25 more other fungicidal, herbicidal, insecticidal and/or plant growth regulating compounds, according to the use for which they are intended.

Thus, the fungicidal compositions according to the present invention may also comprise, for example, one or more other fungicidal active ingredients chosen from acibenzolar-S-methyl, azoxystrobin, benalaxyl, benomyl, blastidicidin-S, bromuconazole, captafol, captan, carbendazim, carboxin, carpropamid, chlorothalonil, the fungicidal compositions based on copper and copper derivatives such as copper hydroxide and copper oxychloride, cyazofamid, cyflufenamid, cymoxanil, cyproconazole, cyprodinyl, dichloran, diclocymet, diethofencarb, difenoconazole, diflumetorim, dimethomorph, dimoxystrobin, diniconazole, discostrobin, dodemorph, dodine, edifenphos, epoxyconazole, ethaboxam, ethirimol, fenarimol, fenbuconazole, fenhexamid, fenoxanil, fenpiclonil, fenpropidin, fenpropimorph, ferimzone, fluazinam, fludioxonil, flumetover, fluquinconazole, flusilazole, flusulfamide, flutolanil, flutriafol, folpel, furalaxyl, furametpyr, guazatine, hexaconazole, hymexazol, imazalil, iprobenphos, iprodione, isoprothiolane, kasugamycin, kresoxim-methyl, mefenoxam, mepanipyrim, metalaxyl and its entantiomeric forms such as metalaxyl-M, metconazole, metiram-zinc, metominostrobin, metrafenone, nicobifen, oxadixyl, oxpoconazole, pefurazoate, penconazole, pencycuron, phosphorous acid and its derivatives such as fosetyl-Al, phthalide, picoxystrobin, probenazole, prochloraz, procymidone, propamocarb, propiconazole,

pyraclostrobin, pyrimethanil, pyroquilon, quinoxifen,
silthiofam, simeconazole, spiroxamine, sup-1190,
tebuconazole, tetraconazole, thiabendazole,
thiophanate, for example thiophanate-
5 methyl, thiram, tiadinil, triadimefon, triadimenol,
tricyclazole, tridemorph, trifloxystrobin,
triticonazole, valinamide derivatives such as, for
example, iprovalicarb, vinclozolin and zoxamide.

In addition to these additional active
10 agents, the fungicidal compositions according to the
invention may also contain any other excipient and/or
auxiliary agent useful in plant protection formulations
such as, for example, an agriculturally suitable inert
carrier and optionally an agriculturally suitable
15 surfactant.

As regards the presentations of the
compositions according to the invention, it should be
indicated that they are appropriate for a large number
of formulations. Thus, it is possible to use these
20 compositions as aerosol dispenser; bait (ready-to-use);
concentrate for preparation of baits; stock bait;
suspension of capsules; cold fogging concentrate;
dustable powder; emulsifiable concentrate;
aqueous/aqueous type emulsion; oil/inverse type
25 emulsion; encapsulated granule; fine granule;
suspension concentrate for seed treatment; compressed
gas; gas generating product; grain bait; granular bait;
granule; hot fogging concentrate; macrogranule;

microgranule; oil-dispersible powder, oil miscible
suspension concentrate; oil-miscible liquid; paste;
plant rodlet; plate bait; powder for dry seed
treatment; scrap bait; seeds coated with a pesticide;
5 smoke candle; smoke cartridge; smoke generator; smoke
pellet; smoke rodlet; smoke tablet; smoke tin; soluble
concentrate; soluble powder; solution for seed
treatment; suspension concentrate (= flowable
concentrate); tracking powder; ultra low volume liquid;
10 ultra low volume suspension; vapour releasing product;
water-dispersible granules or tablets; water
dispersible powder for slurry treatment; water-soluble
granules or tablets; water-soluble powder for seed
treatment; wettable powder.

15 These compositions cover not only the
compositions which are ready to be applied to the crop
to be treated by means of a suitable device, such as a
spraying device, but also the commercial concentrated
compositions which have to be diluted before
20 application to the crop.

 The compositions described below are used in
general for application to growing plants, or to sites
where crops are grown, or for the coating or film-
coating of seeds.

25 The compositions according to the invention
are, appropriately, applied to the vegetation and in
particular to the leaves infested or capable of being
infested with the phytopathogenic fungi. Another method

of applying the compounds or compositions according to the invention is to add a formulation containing the active ingredients to the irrigation water. This irrigation may be an irrigation using sprinklers.

5 For their use in practice, the compositions according to the invention can be used alone and can also advantageously be used in formulations containing one or the other of the active ingredients or alternatively both of them together, in combination or
10 association with one or more other compatible components which are, for example, solid or liquid fillers or diluents, adjuvants, surfactants or equivalents, which are suitable for the desired use and which are acceptable for uses in agriculture. The
15 formulations can be of any type known in the sector which are suitable for application onto all types of plantations or crops. These formulations, which can be prepared in any manner known in this sector, also form part of the invention.

20 The formulations can also contain ingredients of other types, such as protective colloids, adhesives, thickeners, thixotropic agents, penetrating agents, oils for spraying, stabilizers, preserving agents (in particular mouldproofing agents), sequestering agents
25 or the like, as well as other known active ingredients which have pesticidal properties (in particular fungicidal, insecticidal, acaricidal or nematocidal properties) or which have properties of regulating

plant growth. More generally, the compounds used in the invention can be combined with any solid or liquid additives corresponding to the usual formulation techniques.

5 In the present account, the term "filler" means an organic or inorganic, natural or synthetic component with which the active components are combined to facilitate its application, for example, onto the plants, the seeds or the soil. This filler is
10 consequently generally inert and it must be acceptable (for example acceptable for agronomic uses, in particular for treating plants).

 The filler can be solid, for example clays, natural or synthetic silicates, silica, resins, waxes,
15 solid fertilizers (for example ammonium salts), natural soil minerals, such as kaolins, clays, talc, lime, quartz, attapulgite, montmorillonite, bentonite or diatomaceous earths, or synthetic minerals, such as silica, alumina or silicates, in particular aluminium
20 or magnesium silicates. The solid fillers which are suitable for granules are as follows: natural, crushed or broken rocks, such as calcite, marble, pumice, sepiolite and dolomite; synthetic granules of inorganic or organic flours; granules of organic material such as
25 sawdust, coconut shell, corn ear or envelope, or tobacco stem; kieselguhr, tricalcium phosphate, powdered cork or adsorbent carbon black; water-soluble polymers, resins, waxes; or solid fertilizers. Such

compositions can, if so desired, contain one or more compatible agents such as wetting agents, dispersing agents, emulsifiers or colourings which, when they are solid, can also act as diluents.

5 The fillers can also be liquid, for example: water, alcohols, in particular butanol or glycol, as well as ethers or esters thereof, in particular methyl glycol acetate; ketones, in particular acetone, cyclohexanone, methyl ethyl ketone, methyl isobutyl
10 ketone or isophorone; petroleum fractions such as paraffinic or aromatic hydrocarbons, in particular xylenes or alkylnaphthalenes; mineral or plant oils; aliphatic chlorohydrocarbons, in particular trichloroethane or methylene chloride; aromatic
15 chlorohydrocarbons, in particular chlorobenzenes; water-soluble or highly polar solvents such as dimethylformamide, dimethyl sulphoxide, N,N-dimethylacetamide or N-methylpyrrolidone; N-octylpyrrolidone, liquefied gases; or the like, whether they are taken
20 separately or as a mixture.

 The surfactant can be an emulsifier, a dispersing agent or a wetting agent, of ionic or nonionic type or a mixture of these surfactants. Among those surfactants there are used, for example,
25 polyacrylic acid salts, lignosulphonic acid salts, phenolsulphonic or naphthalenesulphonic acid salts, polycondensates of ethylene oxide with fatty alcohols or fatty acids or fatty esters or fatty amines,

substituted phenols (in particular alkylphenols or arylphenols), ester-salts of sulphosuccinic acid, taurine derivatives (in particular alkyl taurates), phosphoric esters of alcohols or of polycondensates of ethylene oxide with phenols, fatty acid esters with polyols, or sulphate, sulphonate or phosphate functional derivatives of the compounds described above. The presence of at least one surfactant is generally essential when the active ingredients and/or the inert filler are insoluble or only sparingly soluble in water and when the filler for the said composition to be applied is water.

The formulations according to the invention can also contain other additives such as adhesives or colourings. Adhesives such as carboxymethylcellulose, or natural or synthetic polymers in the form of powders, granules or matrices, such as gum arabic, latex, polyvinylpyrrolidone, polyvinyl alcohol or polyvinyl acetate, natural phospholipids, such as cephalins or lecithins, or synthetic phospholipids can be used in the formulations. It is possible to use colourings such as inorganic pigments, such as, for example: iron oxides, titanium oxides, Prussian blue; organic colouringstuffs, such as those of the alizarin, azo or metal phthalocyanin type; or of trace elements such as iron, manganese, boron, copper, cobalt, molybdenum or zinc salts.

The formulations containing the compositions of the invention, which are used to control the phytopathogenic fungi of crops, can also contain stabilizers, other fungicidal agents, insecticides, acaricides, nematocides, anti-helminths or anti-coccidoses, bactericides, attractant or repellent agents, deodorizers, flavourings or colourings.

These can be chosen for the purpose of improving the strength, the persistence, the safety, and the spectrum of action on the phytopathogenic fungi of crops or to make the composition capable of accomplishing other useful functions for the areas treated.

For foliar applications, the choice of surfactants is crucial to ensure good bioavailability of the active ingredients; thus a combination of a surfactant with a hydrophilic character (HLB>10) and of a surfactant with a lipophilic character (HLB<5) will be preferably used. Such combinations of surfactants are, for example, described in French patent application No. 00 04015.

As regards the preparation of compounds (I), reference may be made to European patent application EP-A-1 056 723.

As regards the production of compounds (II), reference may be made to the book "The Electronic Pesticide Manual - Version 1.0" - British Crop Protection Council - Ed Clive Tomlin.

According to another of these objects, the invention relates to a method for controlling, by way of curing, preventing or eradicating, the phytopathogenic fungi of crops, characterized in that
5 an effective (agronomically effective) and nonphytotoxic quantity of a fungicidal composition as defined above is applied to the soil where plants grow or are capable of growing, to the leaves and/or the fruits of plants or to the seeds of plants.

10 In this method, a composition is used which is prepared beforehand by mixing the 2 active compounds (I) and (II).

According to a variant of such a method of controlling, by way of curing, preventing or
15 eradicating, the phytopathogenic fungi of crops:

- a combination of at least one compound (I) and of at least one compound (II) as defined above is used;

- the compounds (I) and (II) are applied
20 simultaneously, separately or sequentially to the soil where plants grow or are capable of growing, to the leaves and/or the fruits of plants or to the seeds of plants, an effective (agronomically effective) and nonphytotoxic quantity.

25 This variant corresponds to a fresh preparation of the fungicidal composition.

It is also possible to apply simultaneously, successively or separately so as to have the conjugated

(I)/(II) effect, of a composition each containing one of the two active ingredients (I) or (II).

Preferably, the fungicidal compositions according to the invention usually contain from 0.5 to 5 95% of the combination of compound (I) and compound (II). This may be the concentrated composition, that is to say the commercial product combining compound (I) and compound (II). This may also be the dilute composition ready to be applied to the crops to be 10 treated. In the latter case, the dilution with water may be carried out either using a commercial concentrated composition containing compound (I) and compound (II) (this mixture is called ready mix), or using the tank mix of two commercial concentrated 15 compositions each containing compound (I) and compound (II).

The treatment of crops against phytopathogenic diseases, using the fungicidal composition according to the invention, is carried out, 20 for example, by application or by administration, with an effective and nonphytotoxic quantity of the abovementioned fungicidal composition or combination, to the aerial parts of the crops or to the soil where they grow, the said crops being those which are 25 infested or which are capable of being infested by a phytopathogenic disease such as downy mildew, oidium, brown rust or Septoria disease. The expression treatment of the crop is also understood to mean the

treatment of the reproductive products of the crop, such as the seeds or the tubers for example.

Under specific conditions, for example according to the nature of the phytopathogenic fungus
5 to be treated, a lower dose may offer adequate protection. Conversely, certain climatic conditions, resistance or other factors may require higher doses of active ingredient.

The effective working doses of the
10 combinations used in the invention can vary within wide proportions, in particular depending on the nature of the phytopathogenic fungi to be eliminated or the degree of infestation, for example, of the plants with these fungi.

15 The optimum dose usually depends on several factors, for example on the type of phytopathogenic fungus to be treated, on the type or level of development of the infested plant, on the density of vegetation, or alternatively on the method of
20 application. More preferably, an effective dose of active ingredients (I) and (II) is between about 7 g/ha and about 10 000 g/ha.

Without it being limiting, the crop treated with the fungicidal composition or combination
25 according to the invention is, for example, a cereal, but this could be grapevine, vegetables, fruits, lucerne, soyabean, market garden crops, turf, wood or horticultural plants.

The phytopathogenic fungi of crops which may be controlled by this method are selected from the group comprising:

- the group of oomycetes:

- of the family of Peronosporaceae, in particular *Plasmopara viticola* (vine downy mildew), *Plasmopara halstedei* (sunflower mildew), *Pseudoperonospora* sp (in particular cucurbit mildew (*Pseudoperonospora cubensis*) and downy mildew of hops (*Pseudoperonospora humuli*)), *Bremia lactucae* (mildew of lettuce), *Peronospora tabacinae* (downy mildew of tobacco), *Peronospora destructor* (downy mildew of onion), *Peronospora parasitica* (downy mildew of cabbage), *Peronospora farinosa* (downy mildew of chicory and downy mildew of beetroot);

- of the genus *Phytophthora* such as

- Phytophthora phaseoli*, *Phytophthora citrophthora*, *Phytophthora capsici*, *Phytophthora cactorum*, *Phytophthora palmivora*, *Phytophthora cinnamoni*, *Phytophthora megasperma*, *Phytophthora parasitica*, *Phytophthora fragariae*, *Phytophthora cryptogea*, *Phytophthora porri*, *Phytophthora nicotianae*, *Phytophthora infestans* (mildew of Solanaceae, in particular late blight of potato or tomato);

- the group of adelomycetes (ascomycetes):

- of the genus *Alternaria*, for example *Alternaria solani* (early blight of Solanaceae and in particular of tomato and potato),

- of the genus *Guignardia*, in particular *Guignardia bidwelli* (black rot of grapevine),
- of the genus *Venturia*, for example *Venturia inaequalis*, *Venturia pirina* (apple or pear scabs),
- 5 - of the genus *Oidium*, for example powdery mildew of grapevine (*Uncinula necator*); oidium of leguminous crops, for example *Erysiphe polygoni* (powdery mildew of Cruciferae); *Leveillula taurica*, *Erysiphe cichoracearum*, *Sphaerotheca fuliginea* (powdery
10 mildew of cucurbits, of composites and of tomato); *Erysiphe communis* (powdery mildew of beetroot and cabbage); *Erysiphe pisi* (powdery mildew of pea and lucerne); *Erysiphe polyphaga* (powdery mildew of haricot bean and cucumber); *Erysiphe umbelliferarum* (powdery
15 mildew of umbellifera, in particular of carrot); *Sphaerotheca humuli* (hop mildew); powdery mildew of wheat and barley (*Erysiphe graminis forma specie tritici* and *Erysiphe graminis forma specie hordei*),
- of the genus *Taphrina*, for example *Taphrina*
20 *deformans* (peach leaf curl),
- of the genus *Septoria*, for example *Septoria nodorum* or *Septoria tritici* (Septoria disease of cereals),
- of the genus *Sclerotinia*, for example
25 *Sclerotinia sclerotinium*,
- of the genus *Pseudocercospora*, for example *P. herpotrichoides* (eyespot of cereals),

- of the genus *Botrytis cinerea* (grapevine, vegetable and market garden crops, pea and the like),
- of the genus *Phomopsis viticola* (excoriosis of grapevine),
- 5 - of the genus *Pyrenospora*,
- of the genus *Helminthosporium*, for example *Helminthosporium tritici repentis* (yellow leaf spot of wheat) or *Helminthosporium teres* (yellow leaf spot of barley),
- 10 - of the genus *Drechslera* or *Pyrenophora*,
- of the group of basidiomycetes :
- of the genus *Puccinia*, for example *Puccinia recondita* or *striiformis* (wheat rust), *Puccinia triticina*, *Puccinia hordei*,
- 15 - of the family *Rhizoctonia* spp, for example *Rhizoctonia solani*.

In addition to their fungicidal activities at the heart of the invention, the compositions or combinations defined above may also have a biocide
20 action against bacteria and viruses, such as for example:

- fire blight, *Erwinia amylovora*;
- bacterial streak of stone fruit trees, *Xanthomonas campestris*;
- 25 -pear blossom blight, *Pseudomonas syringae*;
- bacteriosis of rice and cereals;
- the viruses present on rice, vegetable and cereal crops.

The crops envisaged in the context of the present invention are preferably grapevine, cereal crops (wheat, barley, maize, rice) and vegetable crops (haricot bean, onion, cucurbitaceae, cabbage, potato, tomato, sweet pepper, spinach, pea, lettuce, celery, chicory), fruit crops (strawberry plants, raspberry plants), tree crops (apple trees, pear trees, cherry trees, ginseng, lemon trees, coconut palms, pecan trees, cacao trees, walnut trees, rubber trees, olive trees, poplars, banana trees), sunflower, beetroot, tobacco, hop and ornamental crops.

A classification made, no longer based on the fungi or bacteria targeted, but on the target crops may be illustrated as below:

- 15 -grapevine:, downy mildew (*Plasmopara viticola*), powdery mildew (*Uncinula necator*), grey mould (*Botrytis cinerea*), excoriosis (*Phomopsis viticola*) and black rot (*Guignardia bidwelli*),
- Solanaceae: blight (*Phytophthora infestans*),
- 20 alternara disease (*Alternaria solani*) and grey mould (*Botrytis cinerea*),
- vegetable crops: downy mildew (*Peronospora* sp., *Bremia lactucae*, *Pseudoperonospora* sp), alternara (*Alternaria* sp.), sclerotinia disease (*Sclerotinia* sp.),
- 25 sp.), grey mould (*Botrytis cinerea*), foot or root rot (*Rhizoctonia* spp.), powdery mildew (*Erysiphe* sp.; *Sphaerotheca fuliginea*),

-arboriculture: scab (*Venturia inaequalis*, *V. pirina*), bacterial diseases (*Erwinia amylovora*, *Xanthomonas campestris*, *Pseudomonas syringae*), powdery mildew (*Podosphaera leucotricha*) and Monilia (*Monilia fructigena*),

-citrus: scab (*Elsinoe fawcetti*), melanose (*Phomopsis citri*) and *Phytophthora* sp. diseases,

- wheat, as regards controlling the following seed diseases: *Fusarium* diseases (*Microdochium nivale* and *Fusarium roseum*), smuts (*Tilletia caries*, *Tilletia controversa* or *Tilletia indica*), *Septoria* disease (*Septoria nodorum*),

- wheat, as regards controlling the following diseases of the aerial parts of the plant: eyespot (*Pseudocercosporella herpotrichoides*), take-all (*Gaeumannomyces graminis*), *Fusarium* disease of the foot (*F. culmorum*, *F. graminearum*), *Rhizoctonia* disease (*Rhizoctonia cerealis*), powdery mildew (*Erysiphe graminis* forma specie tritici), rusts (*Puccinia striiformis* and *Puccinia recondita*), *Septoria* diseases (*Septoria tritici* and *Septoria nodorum*) and yellow leaf spot of wheat (*Helminthosporium tritici-vulgaris*),

- wheat and barley, as regards controlling bacterial and viral diseases, for example barley yellow mosaic,

- barley, as regards controlling the following seed diseases: yellow leaf spot (*Pyrenophora graminea*, *Bipolaris*, *Pyrenophora teres* and *Cochliobolus*

sativus), loose smut (*Ustilago nuda*) and Fusarium diseases (*Microdochium nivale* and *Fusarium roseum*),

- barley, as regards controlling the following diseases of the aerial parts of the plant:

5 eyespot (*Pseudocercosporella herpotrichoides*), yellow leaf spot (*Pyrenophora teres* and *Cochliobolus sativus*), powdery mildew (*Erysiphe graminis forma specie hordei*), dwarf leaf rust (*Puccinia hordei*) and leaf blotch (*Rhynchosporium secalis*);

10 - potato, as regards controlling tuber diseases (in particular *Helminthosporium solani*, *Phoma tuberosa*, *Rhizoctonia solani*, *Fusarium solani*) and certain virus diseases (virus Y);

- cotton, as regards controlling the following diseases of young plants obtained from seeds: damping-off diseases and collar rot (*Rhizoctonia solani*, *Fusarium oxysporum*), black root rot (*Thielaviopsis basicola*),

- pea, as regards controlling the following seed diseases: anthracnose (*Ascochyta pisi*, *Mycosphaerella pinodes*), Fusarium disease (*Fusarium oxysporum*), grey mould (*Botrytis cinerea*), rust (*Uromyces pisi*),

- rape plant, as regards controlling the following seed diseases: *Phoma lingam* and *Alternaria brassicae*, grey mould (*Botrytis cinerea*), and sclerotinia disease (*Sclerotinia sclerotinium*),

- maize, as regards controlling seed diseases
(*Rhizopus* sp., *Penicillium* sp., *Trichoderma* sp.,
Aspergillus sp. and *Gibberella fujikuroi*), yellow leaf
spot (*Bipolaris*), Fusarium disease (*Fusarium*
5 *oxysporum*),
 - rice: foot and root rot (*Rhizoctonia* spp.),
 - flax, as regards controlling seed disease
(*Alternaria linicola*),
 - banana: Cercospora disease (*Mycosphaerella*
10 *figiensis*),
 - turf: rust, powdery mildew, yellow leaf
spot, terruric diseases (*Microdochium nivale*, *Pythium*
sp., *Rhizoctonia solani*, *Sclerotinia homeocarpa*),
 - forest trees, as regards controlling
15 damping-off (*Fusarium oxysporum*, *Rhizoctonia solani*).

Very advantageously, the method for
controlling plant diseases according to the invention
has shown excellent results against grapevine diseases:
downy mildew (*Plasmopara viticola*), powdery mildew
20 (*Uncinula necator*), grey mould (*Botrytis cinerea*),
excoriosis (*Phomopsis viticola*) and black rot
(*Guignardia bidwelli*) and against vegetable crop
diseases.

The expression "are applied to the plants to
25 be treated" is understood to mean, for the purposes of
the present text, that the fungicidal compositions
which are the subject of the invention may be applied
by means of various methods of treatment such as:

- spraying onto the aerial parts of the said plants a liquid comprising one of the said compositions,

- dusting, the incorporation into the soil of granules or powders, spraying, around the said plants, and in the case of trees injection or daubing,

- coating or film-coating the seeds of the said plants with the aid of a plant-protection mixture comprising one of the said compositions.

10 Spraying a liquid onto the aerial parts of the crops to be treated is the preferred method of treatment.

 The subject of the present invention is also a product comprising a compound (I) and a compound (II)
15 as a combined preparation for simultaneous, separate or sequential use in controlling the phytopathogenic fungi of crops at a site.

 Another object of the invention which is linked to the mode of preparing the composition
20 according to the invention immediately before use consists of a kit for controlling, curatively or preventively, the phytopathogenic fungi of crops, characterized in that it comprises at least one compound (I) and at least one compound (II) as defined
25 above, intended to be combined or used simultaneously, separately or sequentially in controlling the phytopathogenic fungi of crops at a site.

It is therefore a pack in which the user finds all the ingredients for preparing the fungicidal formulation which they wish to apply to the crops. These ingredients, which comprise in particular the
5 active agents (I) and (II) and which are packaged separately, are provided, for example, in the form of a powder or in the form of a liquid which is concentrated to a greater or lesser degree. The user simply has to mix in the prescribed doses and to add the quantities
10 of liquid, for example of water, necessary to obtain a formulation which is ready to use and which can be applied to the crops.

Most appropriate is a product for simultaneous, separate, alternate or sequential
15 application of at least one fungicidal compound (I) and one fungicidal compound (II).

It goes without saying that the different variants which may be envisaged of the compositions and methods according to the invention form an integral
20 part of the present invention; it being possible for the said different variants, moreover, to be combined or associated with each other without as a result departing either from the spirit or from the scope of the said invention.

25 In the same manner, the different aspects of the present invention which have just been described may be combined or associated with each other without

as a result departing either from the spirit or from the scope of the said invention.

The following example is given purely by way of illustration of the invention and does not limit it
5 in any manner.

Example

It is intended to give an illustration of the efficacy of the compositions according to the invention on grapevine diseases, in particular the combinations
10 combining compound (Ia), having the chemical name 2,6-dichloro-N-{[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-methyl}benzamide, and compound (II) which is mancozeb in the form of a formulation 85 WP.

1- Conditions and objectives

15 The trials consisted in curative tests of 24 hours on grapevine infected with *Plasmopara viticola*.

2- Materials and methods

Protocol:

Grapevine (Chardonay variety) plants are
20 grown on sandy soil in plastic pots, with one plant per pot. The plants which are two months old (6- to 7-leaf stage) are inoculated by spraying an aqueous suspension of *Plasmopara viticola* sporocysts obtained from infected leaves. The concentration of sporocysts is
25 about 100 000 units per ml.

After infection, the inoculated plants are subjected to a curative treatment by spraying with compound (I) alone and compound (II) alone, and with a

mixture of compound (I) and compound (II), in each case applied at a dose of 500 l/ha.

The studied compound (I)/compound (II) ratios are detailed in Table 1 below.

5 After infection and curative treatment, the plants are covered and left for six days at 20°C.

The infection is then assessed on a scale of 1 to 10, according to which 0 indicates that there is no infection and 10 that the infection level is 100%.

10 The percentage control of the disease (efficacy: see below) is calculated for each treatment with reference to the untreated plants and the expected results are calculated using the Colby formula (see below).

15 The difference between the real results and the expected results is used to determine the synergy between the two fungicidal compounds of the composition according to the invention.

The efficacy of the treatment is calculated
20 using the following Abbott formula:

$$\text{Efficacy} = \frac{(\text{untreated}) - \text{treated}}{\text{untreated}} \times 100$$

Analysis of the results is carried out using the Colby model:

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$$E = x + y - \frac{xy}{100}$$

in which E represents the expected percentage of inhibition of the disease for the combination of the

two fungicides at defined doses (for example equal to x and y respectively), x is the percentage of inhibition observed for the disease by the compound (I) at a defined dose (equal to x), y is the percentage of inhibition observed for the disease by the compound (II) at a defined dose (equal to y). When the percentage of inhibition observed for the combination is greater than E, there is a synergistic effect.

Results:

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Treatment 1	Level (ppm)	Treatment 2	Level (ppm)	Percentage efficacy	Results obtained	Percentage synergistic effect
Compound(1a)	5	/	/	65.7	/	/
	1	/	/	58.2	/	/
	0.1	/	/	11.9	/	/
mancozeb	25	/	/	17.2	/	/
	10	/	/	5.2	/	/
	1	/	/	23.1	/	/
Compound(Ia)	5	mancozeb	25	84.0	71.6	+12.4
	5		1	76.9	73.9	+3
	0.1		10	32.8	16.5	+16.3

Table 1

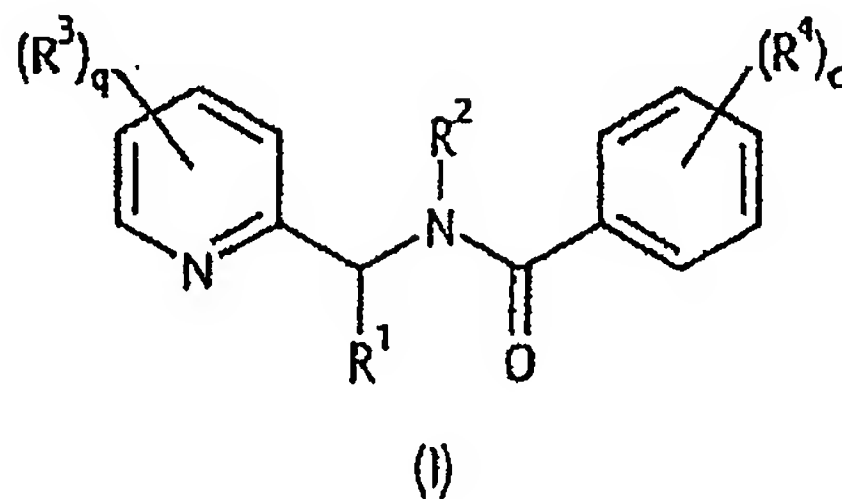
The compositions according to the invention comprising compound (Ia) and mancozeb as compound (II), in the (I)/(II) ratios = 1/5 and 1/100, show a significant synergistic effect.

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CLAIMS

1. Fungicidal compositions comprising:
 a) at least one pyridylmethylbenzamide
 derivative of formula (I):

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in which

- R¹ is chosen from a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted alkyl radical and an optionally substituted acyl radical;
- R² is chosen from a hydrogen atom and an optionally substituted alkyl radical;
- R³ and R⁴, which are identical or different are independently chosen from a halogen atom, the hydroxyl radical, the cyano radical, the nitro radical, the radical -SF₅, the trialkylsilyl radical, an optionally substituted amino radical, an acyl radical, and a group E, OE or SE, in which E is chosen from an alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, aryl and heterocyclyl radical, it being possible for each of them to be optionally substituted;
- c represents 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;
- q represents 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

and their agriculturally acceptable possible optical and/or geometric isomers, tautomers and addition salts with an acid or a base;

and

- 5 b) at least one compound (II) chosen from dithiocarbamates, and their agriculturally acceptable isomers and addition salts with an acid.

2. Fungicidal compositions according to Claim 1, characterized in that compound (I) possesses
10 one of the following characteristics, taken in isolation or in combination:

- R^1 and R^2 , which are identical or different, are independently chosen from a hydrogen atom and an optionally substituted alkyl radical;
- 15 • R^3 and R^4 , which are identical or different, are independently chosen from a halogen atom, the hydroxyl radical, the nitro radical, an optionally substituted amino radical, an acyl radical, and a group E, OE or SE, in which E is chosen from an alkyl,
20 cycloalkyl, phenyl and heterocyclyl radical, it being possible for each of them to be optionally substituted;

- c represents 0, 1, 2 or 3;

- q represents 0, 1, 2 or 3;

and their agriculturally acceptable possible
25 optical and/or geometric isomers, tautomers and addition salts with an acid or a base.

3. Fungicidal compositions according to Claim 1, characterized in that compound (I) possesses

one of the following characteristics, taken in isolation or in combination:

• R^1 and R^2 , which are identical or different, are independently chosen from a hydrogen atom and a methyl or ethyl radical;

• R^3 and R^4 , which are identical or different, are independently chosen from a halogen atom, the nitro radical, an optionally substituted amino radical and an alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl or heterocyclyl radical, it being possible for each of them to be optionally substituted;

• c represents 1 or 2;

• q represents 1 or 2;

and their agriculturally acceptable possible optical and/or geometric isomers, tautomers and addition salts with an acid or a base.

4. Fungicidal compositions according to Claim 1, characterized in that compound (I) possesses one of the following characteristics:

• R^1 and R^2 each represent a hydrogen atom;

• R^3 and R^4 , which are identical or different, are independently chosen from a halogen atom (preferably Cl), the nitro radical, an alkyl radical and the trifluoromethyl radical;

• c and q represent, independently of each other, 2;

and their agriculturally acceptable possible optical and/or geometric isomers, tautomers and addition salts with an acid or a base.

5. Fungicidal compositions according to
5 Claim 1, characterized in that the compound of formula (I) is chosen from:

- 2,6-dichloro-N-{[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]methyl}benzamide;
- N-{[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]methyl}-2-fluoro-6-nitrobenzamide; and
- 10 • N-{[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]methyl}-2-methyl-6-nitrobenzamide,

and their agriculturally acceptable possible tautomers and addition salts with an acid or a base.

15 6. Fungicidal compositions according to Claim 1, characterized in that compound (II) is chosen from the dithiocarbamates with fungicidal activity, and their agriculturally acceptable isomers and addition salts with an acid.

20 7. Fungicidal compositions according to Claim 6, characterized in that compound (II) is selected from the group comprising: ferbam, mancozeb, mancozeb, maneb, metiram, nabam, nickel bis(dimethyldithiocarbamate), propineb, zineb and
25 mixtures thereof.

8. Fungicidal compositions according to Claim 5 and Claim 7.

9. Fungicidal compositions according to Claim 8, characterized in that compound (I) is 2,6-dichloro-N-([3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]methyl)benzamide and in that compound (II) is
5 mancozeb or propineb.

10. Fungicidal compositions according to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that they comprise at least one compound of formula (I) and at least one compound (II), the compound (I)/compound (II)
10 ratio ranging from 1/500 to 30/1, preferably from 1/200 to 20/1, still more preferably ranging from 1/10 to 10/1.

11. Fungicidal compositions according to Claim 1, characterized in that the compound
15 (I)/compound (II) ratio is chosen so as to produce a synergistic effect.

12. Synergistic fungicidal compositions according to the preceding claim, characterized in that the compound (I)/compound (II) ratio is between 1/100
20 and 1/5.

13. Fungicidal compositions according to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that they comprise, in addition to compounds (I) and (II), an agriculturally suitable inert carrier and optionally an
25 agriculturally suitable surfactant.

14. Fungicidal compositions according to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that they comprise between 0.00001 and 100%, preferably between

0.001 and 80%, of the combination of compound (I) and of compound (II).

15 15. Method for the curative or preventive control of phytopathogenic fungi of crops, characterized in that an effective (agronomically effective) and non-phytotoxic quantity of a fungicidal composition according to one of Claims 1 to 14 is applied to the soil where plants grow or are capable of growing, to the leaves and/or the fruits of plants or
10 to the seeds of plants.

16. Method according to Claim 15, characterized in that the fungicidal composition is applied by spraying a liquid to the aerial parts of the crops to be treated.

15 17. Method according to either of Claims 15 and 16, characterized in that the quantity of fungicidal composition corresponds to a dose of compound (I) and of compound (II) of between about 1 g/ha and about 10 000 g/ha.

20 18. Method according to one of Claims 15 to 17, characterized in that the crop treated is chosen from grapevine, cereal crops (wheat, barley, maize, rice) and vegetable crops (haricot bean, onion, cucurbitaceae, cabbage, potato, tomato, sweet pepper,
25 spinach, pea, lettuce, celery, chicory), fruit crops (strawberry plants, raspberry plants), tree crops (apple trees, pear trees, cherry trees, ginseng, lemon trees, coconut palms, pecan trees, cacao trees, walnut

trees, rubber trees, olive trees, poplars, banana trees), sunflower, beetroot, tobacco, hop and ornamental crops.

19. Product comprising a compound of formula
5 (I) and a compound of formula (II) as a combined preparation for simultaneous, separate or sequential use in controlling the phytopathogenic fungi of crops at a site.

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